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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A router for routing a frame, comprising:
- a first memory;
  - a route-information-receiving unit for receiving route information transmitted by an adjacent router;
  - a route-information-writing unit for storing said information on a route into said first memory;
  - a route-information-transmission control unit for controlling transmission of said information on a route to adjacent routers;
  - a route-information-change-reporting unit for reporting a change in information on a route involving a particular adjacent router to adjacent routers other than said particular adjacent router if information on a route has not been received from said particular adjacent router for at least a predetermined period of time;
  - a relay-processing unit for routing a received frame on the basis of said route information stored in said first memory;
  - a temporary-halt-start-informing unit for transmitting a temporary-halt-start notification message indicating a start of a temporary halt to adjacent routers in the event of said temporary halt; and
  - a temporary-halt-recovery-informing unit for transmitting a temporary-halt-recovery notification message indicating a recovery from a temporary halt to adjacent routers in the event of said recovery from said temporary halt, wherein

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said temporary halt temporarily halts a process relating to routing including a transmission of said information on a route, and said recovery restarts the process relating to routing including a transmission of said information on a route.

2. (original) A router according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second memory;

a route-information-saving unit for saving route information stored in said first memory to said second memory in the event of a temporary halt; and

a route-information-restoring unit for restoring information on a route from said second memory back to said first memory in the event of a recovery from a temporary halt.

3. (original) A router according to claim 1, wherein, in the event of a temporary halt, said temporary-halt-start-informing unit informs other adjacent routers of a time to recovery from said temporary halt.

4. (original) A router according to claim 1, further comprising:

a temporary-halt-start management unit for inputting a notification of a start of a temporary halt from an external source and passing on said notification to said temporary-halt-start-informing unit; and

a temporary-halt-recovery management unit for inputting a notification of a recovery from a temporary halt from an external source and passing on said notification to said temporary-halt-recovery-informing unit.

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5. (previously presented) A router for routing a frame, comprising:

a first memory;

a route-information-receiving unit for receiving information on a route transmitted by an adjacent router;

a route-information-writing unit for storing said information on a route into said first memory;

a route-information-transmission control unit for controlling transmission of said information on a route to adjacent routers;

a route-information-change-reporting unit for reporting a change in information on a route involving a particular adjacent router to adjacent routers other than said particular adjacent router if information on a route has not been received from said particular adjacent router for at least a predetermined period of time;

a relay-processing unit for routing a received frame on the basis of said route information stored in said first memory;

a temporary-halt-start-notification-receiving unit for receiving a temporary-halt-start notification message indicating a start of a temporary halt of an adjacent router from said adjacent router in the event of said temporary halt;

a route-information-temporarily-locking unit for requesting said route-information-change-reporting unit to temporarily lock a process to report a change in information on a route involving a particular adjacent router to adjacent routers other than said particular adjacent router when a temporary-halt-start notification message indicating a start of a temporary halt of a

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process relating to routing including a transmission of said information on a route of said

particular adjacent router is received from said particular adjacent router;

a temporary-halt-recovery-notification-receiving unit for receiving a temporary-halt-recovery notification message indicating a recovery from a temporary halt of an adjacent router from said adjacent router in the event of said recovery from said temporary halt; and

a route-information-temporary-lock-ending unit for requesting said route-information-change-reporting unit to end a state to temporarily lock the process to report a change in information on a route involving a particular adjacent router to adjacent routers other than said particular adjacent router when a temporary-halt-recovery notification message indicating a recovery from a temporary halt of said particular adjacent router is received from said particular adjacent router.